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## \*PUBLIC NOTICE\*

## Disaster Relief Unemployment Benefits available to Hoosiers impacted by tornadoes

Indianapolis, Ind. – Today Gov. Joe Kernan announced that residents in five Indiana counties hit by the recent tornadoes may now be eligible to receive additional help.

Following the president's June 3, 2004 disaster declaration, the U.S. Department of Labor has provided the Indiana Department of Workforce Development \$50,000 in Disaster Unemployment Assistance Benefits.

Hoosier farmers, some self-employed and other workers whose jobs were affected as a result of the in Clark, Crawford, Marion, Miami and Washington counties may be eligible. Benefits will be determined based on the applicant's income. The deadline to apply for assistance in the designated counties is July 9, 2004.

Workers in Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Dubois, Floyd, Fountain, Fulton, Gibson, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Howard, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Martin, Montgomery, Morgan, Orange, Perry, Pike, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh, Wabash, Warren, Warrick and White counties have until July 16 to apply.

Those interested in applying for benefits should visit their local WorkOne or WorkOne Express center, or call 1-888-WorkOne for more information. Applicants will need a social security number, the name, address and phone number of their last employer, the dates they worked and a photo ID. Self-employed applicants should also supply information on earning for the previous federal tax year.